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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT TO US BY COMMERCE MINISTER

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BEGIN SUMMARY: COMMERCE MINISTER KAMARUZZMAN LOOKING FORWARD TO US VISIT AND MEETING WITH SECRETARY DENT. AS SEEN FROM HERE, MAIN PROBLEM NOW IS TO AGREE ON DATE FOR MINISTER'S CALL. IN LIGHT REFTEL A, MINISTRY SUGGESTS MONDAY, NOV 12. MINISTRY WOULD WELCOME ANY "INFORMAL" SUGGESTIONS AS TO MINISTER'S ITINERARY IN US. ACTION REQUESTED: INDICATION WHETHER NOV 12 ACCEPTABLE DATE FOR CALL ON SECRETARY DENT, OR SUGGESTION AS TO ALTERNATE PREFERABLE DATE DURING THAT WEEK. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER DATED 9/26 FROM SYED SHAMIN AHSAN, JOINT SECRETARY, COMMERCE MINISTRY, REPLYING TO EMBASSY'S MESSAGE (REF B). LETTER SAYS, "COMMERCE MINISTER WILL BE EXTREMELY HAPPY TO VISIT TO U.S. AND IS LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING THE U.S. SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, MR. DENT, AND APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS US-BANGLADESH RELATIONS." LETTER ADDS THAT OWING PRESSING DEMANDS AT HOME, MINISTER MIGHT NOT BE ABLE PROCEED TO US IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS EUROPEAN TOUR (PARA 2 REFTEL B). "TENTATIVELY, THEREFORE, " LETTER CONCLUDES, "THE MINISTER PROPOSES, SUBJECT TO THE CONVENIENCE OF THE USG, NOVEMBER 5, 1973, AS HIS ARRIVAL DATE IN NEW YORK. THIS MINISTRY HOPES THAT THE DATE PROPOSED BY THE MINISTER WILL BE CONVENIENT

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TO YOUR GOVERNMENT."

2. EMBOFFS DISCUSSED PROPOSED TRIP WITH AHSAN MORNING 9/28 PRIOR RECEIPT REFTEL A. AHSAN INDICATED MINISTER RETURNING DIRECTLY TO BANGLADESH AFTER EUROPEAN VISIT "FOR (DOMESTIC) POLITICAL REASONS."

3. AHSAN SAID HE WOULD WELCOME ANY INFORMAL SUGGESTIONS WHICH EMBASSY WOULD CARE TO ADVANCE AS TO MINISTER'S ITINERARY IN US. EXPLAINED THAT MINISTRY PREPARES PROGRAM FOR MINISTER'S VISIT AND ASKS BANGLADESH EMBASSY/WASHINGTON, THROUGH MFA, TO IMPLEMENT ARRANGEMENTS. OUR INITIAL THOUGHTS ON THIS POINT INCLUDE MEETING WITH JUTE CARPET BACKING COUNCIL IN NEW YORK, VISIT TO JUTE MILL IN PENNSYLVANIA EN ROUTE TO WASHINGTON, AND MEETINGS WITH TEA, HIDES AND SKINS, AND SEAFOOD ORGANIZATIONS. WE WOULD BE PLEASED CONSIDER ANY IDEAS WASHINGTON AGENCIES MIGHT LIKE TO SEE INCORPORATED IN OUR "INFORMAL" ITINERARY PROPOSALS.

4. FOLLOWING RECEIPT REFTEL A, EMBOFF INFORMED AHSAN WHO THOUGHT THAT, IN LIGHT SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE, IT MIGHT BE PREFERABLE TO POSTPONE MINISTER'S ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK UNTIL NOV 7 OR 8 AND HIS ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON UNTIL NOV 11. AHSAN HOPED THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO CALL ON SECRETARY DENT MONDAY, NOV 12, INASMUCH AS HE CONSIDERS IT HIGHLY DESIRABLE THAT MINISTER COMMERCE WASHINGTON PORTION HIS VISIT WITH CALL ON HIS COUNTERPART. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER NOV 12 SUITABLE DATE FOR SUCH CALL, IF NOT, WHAT OTHER DATE THAT WEEK PREFERABLE.
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